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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Akiro Sato et al.
Serial No. : 09/578,391
Filed : May 25, 2000
For: : Anastomosis Member for Anastomosis of Blood Vessels
And Anastomosis Method Using the Anastomosis Member

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
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Response to Notice To File Missing Parts

Sir:

To complete the filing of the above-identified application, we enclose the following documents:

1. Copy of the Notice;
2. Formal Drawings containing Figs. 1-16;
3. Declaration of Inventorship and Power of Attorney;
4. Assignment of Invention to Tokin Corporation;
5. Claim of Priority as previously stated with certified copies attached;
to wit:

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Serial No.</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> |
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| Japan | 147278/1999 | May 26, 1999 |
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6. Information Disclosure Statement
7. A check in the amount of \$130.00 for responding to the Notice To Filing Missing Parts
8. A check in the amount of \$40.00 for recording assignment.



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